Tax on Church Property. the Elitors of the Dispatch :

As your column's have been opened to a on of this subject, allow me to offer views, which are very different from of at least one of your correspondents. Inder to "A Baptis"," who argues that begion is protected by law, church rly should be faxed for the support of rement. I respectfully submit that s not only a non sequitur, but that it is a y of a serious cuaracter. If colleges, in asylums, and other charitable and olent institutions are exempt from taxsecurse they are supposed to contribute miar sense to the welfare of the enamunity, in a much higher sense ouses dedicated solely to the wormany reflecting minds, and as such of to the most serious consideration. that a tax on such houses of wornot only, in the language of Bishop ns. " a premium on intidelity," but i as an odious discrimination against hest and best interests of society. Christian people of Virginia, of all

depominations, who have built these houses have been accustomed to look at or Bill of Rights and our acts of Religious Freedom not so much as granting protection conferring rights-the right to worship God according to the dictates of our consciences, carrying with it the right to build houses in which Almighty God is to be worshipped, He being the Common Protector th Church and State. To tax them as ordinary property is taxed may therefore usily regarded as an assumption of legislative power in conflict with the principles of religious freedom. Men will cheerfully tax themselves, and even incur pecuniary erafice when the exigencies of public detence seem to require it, of which we may cite a notable instance in the alacrity with which a large number of church-bells were given up during the late war to make cannon for the Southern Confederacy. But if it had been proposed in the Confederate Congress to tax those same churches for the support of sent when the payment of a sum of delen won an immortal name by resisthe arbitrary act of the King-in baking of which, two hundred years after-

dmund Burke said if it had been

ng the resistance would have been

he great principle of right for which was contending. us look at this question in a practical point of veiw: Are these houses of worty in any such legal sense that The law requires that erty shall be assessed for taxits cash value; and as to real that so much shall be added dertakes to carry out all the contracts lawhand as the lot or parcel of land is d in value by such improvements. u cities and towns the annual rental value of each house and lot is generally taken as the losis of the cash value of the property. But how is the rental value or the cash value a month ago. of a house of worship to be arrived at? I subtailt that it has neither; and therefore any | sued the following order: assessment made upon the property would purely arbitrary and all orether uncertain te than this, would not the collection o the tax be deficult, if not impracticable, in many cases? Who is to pay it? Are the trustees, to whom the legal title has been conveyed? Their sole function is to hold the legal title for the use and benefit of each particular congregation as a house of worship. These trustees have no field out of which the tax can be paid. The congregation derives no income or revenue from the property; and many of them are unfortunately poor and burdened with church debts-often contracted in building these houses of worship-many of them find it deficult to pay their pastors anything but the most scanty salary, and to put on them the additional burden of a tax on their houses of worship would be oppressive, if

ax church projecty-if property it can be ed-comes at a time and in a form that specially objectionable, and even It is one of the two new subjects of diggested as proper to pay the interpublic deld of Virginia. And what Whiskey! Does not the juxtatwo things so opposite in their character strike you as most strange and un-One, the greatest curse of civilizawhich is every day filling our jails and asylums at an untold cost to the other representing the greatest of age to our fallen humanity! If new is of texation must be found, are there it less abjectionable and more proper on y account? What of the dogs? Are sands of these worthless, and far worse then worthless, animals to be exempt from Are we never to have a Legislaare with firmness enough to face this taxing cur-dogs fairly and is the senseless outery to continue to scare

our legislators from performing so obvious a tury to the public? Ten thousand taxbeen trying for years past to sken our law makers to the importance this easy method of protecting their sheep and aiding to pay the public debt at the same the. Dogs and whiskey do very well to go out in the name of all that is just god let the churches be spared not only taxattor, but even from the remotest ion with these vilest of nuisences. hizird of being thought singular, I mention as a subject of taxa ion cht to pay far more than it does. reign insurance companies, bo. h In my opinion, few ave done more to impoverish the a'e by draining it of millions without any preciable benefit in return, and they should made to pay more than they now do for e support of Government. We hear a great deal about the "bloated bondholders," but they are poor and insignificant when compared with these corporations, that count their wealth by millions and sustain an army agents all over the land. I am not sure but that our home companies would bear a buch heavier tax than they now pay. But communication to deprecate a tax on church property, and will say no more about other subjects. Boletourt county, January 15, 1875. F.J.

DAILY DISPANCE

RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21, 1876.

LOCAL MATTERS.

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Capitol Notes. The Auditor of Public Accounts sent to

the Senate yesterday a statement giving a comparison of the assessments of 1873 and 1875. The total value of the lands of the Commonwealth, as assessed in 1873, was \$251,573,611.23. By the assessment just completed their value appears to be \$246,-046,897.49. Decrease, \$5,527,213.74. The value of the lands in the counties in 1873 was \$209,369,852.23; in 1875, \$185,470,847.49. In cities, in 1873, \$42,203,759.30; in 1875, \$60,-575,550. Alexandria, Staunton, Fredericks. burg, Manchester, and Lynchburg were, in 1873, included in the counties in which they are located, while in 1875 they were assessed independently of the counties. This accounts in part for the large decrease in counties and large increase in cities. The decrease is about two and one fifth per cent. and the revenues of the State will be thereby lessened only about \$27,500. The result is gratifying to the friends of State credit in the Legislature.

The House Committee on Privileges and Elections yesterday determined to report in which was read and considered by sections. graduit will be partly cloudy, and cooler. favor of continuing Mr. Walker, of Westmoreland, in his seat. They also resolved to recommend the unseating of Major Mann Page and to have a new electton in Prince and eight firemen to each company; one en-George county. There will be an effort made to have the latter vote reconsidered, as there were only ten members present, and six voted "aye" and four "no."

Mr. Stuart was yesterday assigned to the Committees on Finance and Privileges and Elections. Judge Crump expressed a desire to resign the chairmanship of the Finance Committee in favor of him, but Mr. Stuart would not hear of it for a moment.

Major Black, an architect of this city, went as an expert to Williamsburg with the special joint committee appointed to examine into the causes and damages of the late fire at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum.

Among the visitors to the Capitol yesterday were General Thomas J. Jordan, during tind be exempt. Nor is this a the war chief of Beauregard's staff, and Colchange in the Fire Department, and anadjusted; but is the settled convictional the war chief of Beauregard's staff, and Colchange in the Fire Department, and anadjusted; but is the settled convictional to the war chief of Beauregard's staff, and Colchange in the Fire Department, and anadjusted; but is the settled conviction onel Walter H. Taylor, who was General swered Mr. Davenport's of jection by saying Lee's Adjutant-General, "The Centennial Local Option" bill, in-

troduced in the Senate by Mr. Edgar Y. Al. the Chief Engineer be heard on the subject. lan, proposing to allow counties and cities Agreed to. to subscribe to the Centennial fund, was deand a tax en religion itself, and would feated yesterday. The bill of Mr. Hinton to with his entire approval. He thought that appropriate \$5,000 from the State treasury is it was absolutely important to have the two sleeping soundly, if not sleeping the sleep assistants; that it would be well to have one

The Senate Committee on Privileges and day evening, and it is believed directed Major Daniel, the chairman, to prepare a report representing the judgment of the majority. What it will be is not yet known to outsiders. Our reporter was told by one gentleman who is usually well informed about such matters that a new election would certainly be recommended. A member, who declares that he has reliable sources of information asserted that he knew that Johnson would be confirmed in his seat. It is hoped that the uncertainty will be ended to-day. Mr. Maddox has not been in the committee-room for

some days and Mr. Moffett for some weeks. The joint special commtttee, of which Senator Penn, of Patrick, is chairman, will meet at 7:30 o'clock to-night and have another tussle with the tobacco-inspection

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD . GENERAL government the noble reply of Charles Wickham in Possession,-Judge Bond did calesworth Pinckney to the French Gov- not come to this city vesterday, but sent an not come to this city vesterday, but sent an order passing the final report of Mr. Tyson, was demanded as the condition of allowing Mr. Tyson \$10,000 for his services from France would have come up and \$1,000 for his personal expenses, South: "Millions for defence, and \$4,000 for each of his attorneys (John O. but not a cent for tribute." And so John Steger and W. W. Gordon); "said sums to be in full for services, expenses, and counpayment of twenty shillings tax im- sel fees in both the Eastern District of Virginia and the District of West Virginia." Judge Bond also directed that the plaintiffbill be dismissed; that Mr. Tyson pay over the balance in his hands to the Chesapeake us ifiable, since it would have equally and Obio Railroad Company, and "deliver to the said company all the property, and franchises, and estate received by him as such receiver, both personal and mixed; and thereupon it is further and finally ordered that the said receiver and the sureties on ble to taxation? I submit that his bond be discharged from all further responsibility and the receivership terminated." By an instrument made and filed the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company un-

ocements on each town lot or fully made by Mr. Tyson as receiver. The clerks' fees in the United States Court for this district will be less than \$300. General Wickham took formal possession of the road yesterday, as receiver, under an

order of the city Circuit Court made about General Wickham yesterday evening is-

CHESAPEARE AND OHIO RAILROAD,) RECEIVER'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, Va., January 20, 1876.

General Order No. 3. 1. Under authority of decrees of the Circ cuit Courts of Richmond, Va., and Kanawha county, West Va., I, as receiver, assume control of the operations of the Chesapeake and Ohio rallroad.

2. Arrangements with connecting lines existing on the 8th of October, 1875, are confirmed, and will be conformed to. 3. Agents will remit all their receipts to

the cashier in cash. 4. Pay-rol's will be paid in cash between the 5th and 15th of each month. I will give all the aid in my power to obtain an order from the courts authorizing the application of the surplus earnings, after the payment of operating expenses, to the liquidation of the arrears of pay due the employé.

5. The rules prescribed in the Chesapeake and Ohio Book of Regulations, as modified of the Council as yet. He had come to the from time to time and by orders from this office, will be strictly enforced and obeyed. 6. I confidently expect the same cordial support from the officers and men that they rendered me as vice-president, for which I am most grateful. WMS. C. WICKHAM, am most grateful. Receiver.

Religious .- The revival at Trinity church is increasing in interest nightly. The attendance fills the house to overflowing, and the seligious feeling is very deep. The membership of the church seem to be fully alive to the work, and are putting forth every sally that could be named that would effort to make the meeting a success. Rev. Dr. Bledsoe preaches every night with powerful effect. The meeting last night was the best of the week. The altar was filled with seekers of religion, and fourteen persons professed conversion. The meetings will be continued.

WHAT THE BOSTON VISITORS DID YESTER-DAY .- In pursuance of their programme our Boston visitors spent most of the day yester- recorded that he was for the resolution. He day in sight-seeing. Early in the morning represented in part the muddy district of they visited Bellevue school on their way to | Marshall Ward-a place where his constituold St. John's church, and were shown ents have to go up to their boot-tops in mud. through the building by Superintendent He was in the Council to legislate for Mar-Binford. After they had inspected all the shall Ward, but he thought that this measure schools in that group Mr. Binford assembled | would benefit the entire city. the children in the main hall and entertained

which that school is famous. Hop. Mr. Park made an address to the children, expressing his gratification at all he the opening of an avenue from Broad to had seen and beard. After leaving the school Dr. White and his

party went over to St. John's, Libby's Hill, he would not vote for the resolution. and then to other points of interest in the city. At night they visited the Theatre, tion defeated by the following vote: To-day they will visit High, Central, and Baker schools, and at night the presentation of the soucenirs and entertainment will ta ke place at St. Alban's Hall.

P. TRSONAL .- Mr. H. H. Helper, of North Caro lina, author of the famous book, "The Irrepressible Conflict," is at the St. James by which the resolution had been defeated. Hotel. Mr. Edwin Booth and Mr. John T. Lost. [This kills the resolution.]

Ford are stopping at the same botel. CONVICTS RECEIVED .- The following convicts were received from Scott county yesterday: Samu 9 J. Hatfield, three years for for horse-stealing.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

RESULT OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

The New Fire Ordinance Passed-The Department to be Reorganized-Defeat of the Proposition to Appropriate \$100,000 in Six Per Cent. Bonds for Street Improvements, Etc., Etc.

Pursuant to adjournment a meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon in the Council chamber-Mr. M. L. Straue, president pro tempore, in the chair. The following members were present : Babcock, Bargamin, Braselman, Christian, Curtis, Davenport, Davis of Madison Ward, Davis of Marshall Ward, English, Foster, Gilman, Lauer, Manson, Melzger, Newell, Oliver, Powers, Purcell, Straus, Tower, and Wingfield-21. THE FIRE ORDINANCE.

The Chair announced that under the resolution of the Council the first business in order would be the consideration of the new ordinance concerning the Fire Department ;

The second section provides for the ap-pointment of two assistant engineers in addition to the chief engineer; one commander gineman, one helper, and one hostler to each steam fire-engine; and one hostler and one tillerman to each hook-and-ladder-truck. The chief engineer shall be appointed by the City Council biennially, in the month of July.

Mr. Bargamin explained that it was as necessary to have the assistants to the chief of the Fire Department as it is necessary for a

general to have aids. He said that the reduction in the number of men would pay the salaries of the two assistants, and would equip the new steam fire company. Mr. Davenport said that he had been an old fireman, and thought that one assistant would be ample. He approved of the re-

duction in the number of men. Mr. T. Wiley Davis endorsed the proposed that in case of two fires it would be necessary to have two assistants. He moved that

The Chief said that the ordinance met assistant in one end of the city and the other in the other end, to be the field officers, and Elections held another secret meeting yester- give directions before the department can ar-

Mr. Wingfield inquired whether in the opinion of the Chief Engineer eight men would be sufficient in case of a large fire. The Chief said he thought that the number would be sufficient.

Mr. Christian moved to amend the second section so as to provide that the assistants shall be elected by the Council.

Mr. Bargamin said that the Council didn't know anything about the qualification of firemen. Why, the Council will put in one man for political purposes, another on personal grounds! He couldn't see why the Committees on Streets and Light should be allowed to fix salaries amounting in the aggregate to about ten thousand dollars. Mr. Christian was opposed to centraliza-tion in every form, and for this reason and

prevail. The amendment was agreed to. Mr. Christian inquired what wo additional expense to the city under this ordinance.

Mr. Bargamin said that with the addiordinance the expense to the city would be reduced about \$3,600, but that the additional expense of the new engine would be \$2,600. Mr. Tower called attention to the fact that there was no provision for the appointment of the firemen, tillermen, hostlers, &c.

Mr. Christian moved to amend the third section so as to provide that the Board of Control shall appoint the enginemen, hostlers, & . Agreed to. The ordinance was then unanimously adopted.

THE ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR PROPOSI-TION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS. On motion of Mr. Babcock, the ordinance concerning the Water-Works was laid on the table in order to take up the joint resolution appropriating \$100,000 in six per cent. bonds, naving thirty-four years to rur,

for grading ungraded streets. Mr. Davis of Marshall Ward said that as some gentlemen were absent who desired to vote on the proposition he moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until the next regular meeting of the body. Mr. Davenport said that this evening was set apart for the consideration of this subject, and every member had an abundant

opportunity to consider it, and he hoped the matter would be disposed of at once. Mr. Babcock said that he hoped the matter would be disposed of at this meeting. Mr. Curtis said that it mattered not that the opponents of the measure were absent,

because it would require a two thirds vote to pass it; but as some of the friends of the measure were absent, it would hardly be fair to press the matter. The motion to postpone was rejected.

Mr. Curtis spoke at some length in favor of the appropriation, and urged that it was due to those who lived in the remote portions of the city that the money should be spent to grade the ungraded streets. The opponents of the measure step out upon beautifully paved and graded streets, and these people that are now knocking at your doors are entitled to some of these comforts. They have not received anything at the hands meeting to say this much, that if the resolution is defeated the responsibility will be on the heads of the majority, and not fall upon the friends of the measure.

Mr. Whitlock spoke in opposition to the resolution, and read the figures from the annual reports of the past few years to show the large amounts that had been expended

in the remote wards. He thought it was a piece of nonsense to suggest that the interest on these bonds should be deducted from the annual appro-

priation to streets. Mr. Davenport said that every investment that was made in our own bonds (that are exempt from taxation) in home improvements would decrease in value just so much. He said that within the past twelve months he had sold a piece of property assessed at \$20,500 on the city books for \$12,000, and this, too, after he and his friends had bid

upon it.
Mr. Davis of Marshall Ward wanted it

Mr. Curtis reminded Mr. Whitlock that the visitors with some of the sweet music for some of the improvements contemplated would be in his own ward; that he (Whitlock) had been the very first one to advocate Twenty fitth and M streets.

Mr. Whitlock said that was true, but still The vote was then taken and the resolu-

AYES .- Mesers. Braselman, Curtis, T. Wiley Davis, Foster, Johnson, Lauer, Metzger, Newell, and Oliver-9.
Nogs.-Messrs. Babcock, Bargamin. Christian, Davenport, Charles T. Davis, English. Gliman, Manson, Powers, Pulliam. Purcell. Straus. Tower. Charles E. Whitlock, R. H. Whitlock, and Wingfield-16.

Mr. Babcock moved to reconsider the On motion of Dr. Manson the Common Council adjourned.

FROM J. T. ELLYSON, 1112-Main street, we grand larceny, and John Walker, four years have Godey's and Peterson's Ladies' Book, cracies of individualism, or the expediencies and Galaxy and Scribner's,

guished Students. Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute ence of the noblest monuments of dramatic was beld at the Ballard House last night, genius. ex-Governor Letcher (the president) in the

in studies as appeared from the intermediate ing is scarce worth the sentinel." And we

J. D. Gatewood, Virginia; 5. B. Ball, Virginia; 2. W. T. Parr, Maryland; 3. German: 1, E. D. Newman, Virginia; 3. J. H. Smith, Virginia; 2, B. Ball, Virginia; 3. J. H. Smith, Virginia; 5. N. L. Turnbull, Virginia; 2, B. Ball, Virginia; 5. N. L. Turnbull, Virginia; 2, B. Ball, Virginia; 5. N. L. Turnbull, Virginia; 2, B. F. Mackall, Virginia; 5. N. L. Turnbull, Virginia; 2, B. Ball, Virginia; 5. N. L. Turnbull, Virginia; 2, B. Ball, Virginia; 5. N. L. Turnbull, Virginia; 2, B. Ball, Virginia; 5. N. L. Turnbull, Virginia; 6, N. L. Tur

Howard, Virginia.

Holloway, Illinois; 2, R. G. Withers, Vir-Nichols, Virginia; 5, W. W. Briggs, Vir- comical, historical-pastoral, tragical-historiginia. Latin: 1, R. G. Withers; 2, R. H. cal scene individual or poem unlimited: Peck, Virginia; 3, J. H. Paxton, Virginia; Seneca cannot be too heavy nor Plautus too 4, G. H. Harris, Virginia; 5, R. E. Scott, light. For the law of the writ and the Virginia. French: 1, T. T. Holloway; 2, R. G. Withers; 3, R. E. Scott; 4, G. W. The fates be thanked, however, the gentle Archer; 5, J. H. Hill, Virginia. Drawing; Ophelia is still spared to us, and for that 1, W. W. Husson, New York; 2, T. T. Hol. sweet remnant we will forgive the despoilloway; 3. T. S. Hambleton, Maryland; 4, ing "correctors" all the rest. True, it is A. D. McCutchon, Louisiana; 5, B. Chris- possible that in their zealous onslaught

FOURTH CLASS .- Mathematics : 1. A. K. Sayder, Virginia; 2. H. L. Hamill, Maryland; 3. A. Winr, Alabama; 4. W. E. Jones, Georgia; 5. S. B. Marks, Alabama. French: 1, H. H. Hamill, Maryland; 2. J. G. Osgood, Louisiana; 3. T. T. Jervey, South Carolina; 4. S. W. Marks, Alabama; 5. E. Herndon, Louisiana. Geography: 1. W. P. Gilbert, Texas; 2. F. L. Foscue, Alabama; 3. T. D. lervey; 4. James McCord, Missouri; 5. W. C. Kent, Louisiana.

Messrs. Nalle, Snyder, Peek, and Archer are from Richmond. The members of the Board present are ex-Governor; Letcher, General W. H. Richardson, General R. L. T. Beals, Colonel Walter H. Taylor, Colonel Randolph Harrison,

and R. E. Barton, Esq. The Board will meet again to day to consider certain recommendations contained in the report of General Smith.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS, THURSDAYals. From the Circuit Court of New Kent | audience know that Calphurnia was "no betpart, Judge Moncure delivering the opinion are the uses of the drama-aye, what inmany others he hoped the amendment would prevail.

The effect of this decision is to hold the sureties of Howle responsible for the drama—aye, what indeed—unless it teaches historic truths?

In sober sadness, dear Dispatch, is not the nearly the whole amount decreed against time well nigh on us when the marvellous them by the Circuit Court except the inter-est during the war, which, owing to the to the closet? Under the influence of this the act of Assembly allowing such abatetional company on Church Hill under this ment) shoul 1 be deducted in this case; to exonerate Crump from all liability for the debts decreed against him by the court below, and to remand the cause for certain inquiries, with costs to Lacy and Crump, in

this court. Spiart & McKinsey vs. Commonwealth. From the Circuit Court of Patrick. Affirmed, Judge Christian delivering the opinion of the court. Smart & McKinsey were fined for tearing down and destroying a toll-gate established by court, but, as they claimed, illegally. The Supreme Court held that the sentence against them for destroying the property was lawful, though the toll-gate may bave been improperly established. McCready . vs. Commonwealth. Further

argued by Judge Ould and continued until to-morrow.

CHANCERY COURT OF RICHMOND, THURSDAY. The following cases were disposed of: Winston & Trent, &c., vs. Corbin, &c. Decree making distribution of the fund on

Davis, executor, vs. Crouch, &c. Decree appointing a receiver to collect the rents arising from the real estate in the bill and proceedings mentioned.

Lancaster vs. Peers, &c.; Taylor & Williams vs. Lancaster, &c. Decree in conformity with the opinion of the court dismissing the bill as to defendants, Edward Mayo and William C. Mayo. Corbin vs. Mills, &c. Decree confirming

reports of commissioner and providing for advancement to Andrew R. Robinson as therein set forth. Johnson, &c., vs. Greaner's executor, &c. Decree confirming report of commissioner

and making further provision for the disposition and investment of the fund. POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY .- John A. Harper (colored), charged with assaulting and threatening to shoot Charles Lawrence, was

bailed for his appearance Saturday. John Cronic, charged with trespussing on the premises of S. Dougherty and using threatening language to his wife, causing fears of bodily harm at his hands, was required to pay cost and give surety to keep tne peace for ninety days. Committed.

ACCIDENT TO CAPTAIN YAGER .- Soon after the arrival of the accommodation train from Petersburg yesterday morning Captain Yager, the conductor, standing on the derot platform, caught hold of a window-sash to reach into a car for a bundle of papers. The sash broke and he was thrown down. One wrist was broken or sadly dislocated. Two doctors were called upon and fendered the necessary attention. Captain Yager returned to his home, in Petersburg, by the mail train of yesterday afternoon, and was suffering no

little. BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS .- The Virginia Educational and Historical Association bave recently received from the city of Philadel phia, 150 books for their library. General John Eaton, of Washington, D. C., has also given six, and Captain Benedict, of Richmond, five.

LOTTA. - This vivacious actress will appear at Assembly Hall to-morrow afternoon in Musette, a melo-drama which is described as "sparkling." To-morrow night Zip will be presented. Lotta will be supported by Mr. C. W. Couldock, Mr. E. A. Loche, and other competent actors. A newspaper writer who resides in Utica, N. Y., expresses his candid opinion of Lotta in these words: "She is petite, vivacious, funny, frolicsome, musical, precocious, irrepressible, and pretty, admired by the ladies and beloved by all the gentlemen."

Booth-The Dramatic Art.

To the Editors of the Dispatch: It is something, in this work-a'-day world, to escape from the cares of the hour and revel for a brief period in that atmosphere of genius and art that is fast passing awaythe drama of an age creative, enlightened, chivalric; not free from its own proper vices, vet still untrammelled by the retining corruptions of our own intensely critical age. The fashion of the moment seems to be an imperious demand for "correctness," correctness so severe, so absolute, that no room is left for the aberrations of originality, the vagaries of genius, the idiosynof art. If it were not a social sin to treat

Meeting of the Board of Visitors of the | with levity this fashionable canon of the Virginia Military Institute - Distin- hour, we should be sorely tempted to class it with that solemn demand for " the unitles" The semi-annual meeting of the Board of which, during its sway, menaced the exist-

It may seem a rash avowal, but it eases our mind to hezard it, that the imitative arts will General F. H. Smith, the superintendent of the Institute, reported the names of the have ever held," cries the good old vicar, following cadets as specially distinguished that the virtue that needs constant watching studies as appeared from the transfer of the constant watching the con

4, J. D. Gatewood; 5, S. B. Fisher.

Second Class.—Chemistry: 1, E. W.
Davison, Maryland; 2, E. A. Gibbs, Vir.
ginia; 3, R. W. Silvester, Virginia; 4, A. A.

Chamberlaine. The Polonius of Shakspeare Blow, Virginia; 5, A. A. Dooley, Virginia. is neither of these, but a vain, garrulous, in-Latin: 1, E. W. Davison; 2, R. Marr, Vir-quisitive old man—full of wise saws and giaia; 3, F. Nølle, Virginia; 4, J. H. Ol'ver, Who has caught the form of the time and Physics: 1, A. A. Blow; 2, A. A. Dooley; 3, J. H. Oliver; 4, L. H. Strother; 5, W. L. character is best found in that charming little antethetical passage, which he generally THIRD CLASS .- Mathematics: 1, T. T. blunders over and then skips.

"The best actors in the world, either for ginia; 3, G. W. Archer, Virginia; 4, E. W. tragedy, comedy, history, pastoral, pastoral-

Ophelia is still spared to us, and for that against anachronisms they may ultimately rob her of the white lawn of the nineteentl century and the flowers of a semi-tropical clime. But by that time they will, happily have refined the drama to the point of extermination.

In the last stages of its excellence we hope to see the melancholy prince in the correc guise of a blonde Norseman, white-eyed and semi-savage, "fat and scant of breath" from swigging Rhenish, and indolently foregoing all custom of exercise. Then, too, we shall have a Richard III. who shall indeed be deformed and ill-visaged-a sort of Quilp Plantagenet, without the suavity of the junk-dealer's manners. Othello will bid a long farewell to lamp-black and burnt cork, for the immutable principle must be asserted that the leading character of a drams, like the hero of an Epic poem, "should always be a hero of an Epic poem, "should always be a white man"!

Julius Cæsar will " make up" in red hair. and with a wart on his nose, while the con siderate devotee of correctness will insist on DECISIONS RENDERED.—Lacy vs. Stamper and a slight change in the text in order to let the county. Affirmed in part and reversed in ter than she should have been." For what

peculiar circumstances of the case, the court refining process, how much longer can even thought (without settling any principle as to that arch-magician Booth keep these dramas WAU-ZEE. on the stage?

MANCHESTER NEWS.

All about a Cow .- About two years ago N. J. Watts bought a cow. Some time there after Mrs. M. J. Harris (now deceased) claimed the cow as her property. The result was that a civil suit of right of ownership was brought in the Mayor's Court by the Harris heirs against Watts, and decided in favor of Watts. Harris appealed to the Hustings Court, and on account of some technicality the case was dismissed. Harris then brought an action of. detinue in the same court against Watts, which was tried in July last, and the jury being unable to agree the case was continued until the No vember term. when judgment was rendered in favor of Harris. The court therenpon is sued a writ of possession; but before it could be executed the cow suddenly disappeared Harris, considering that Watts had fraudulently concealed the cow so as to prevent the execution of said writ, appeared against him at the present term of the Hustings Court. and he was indicted in substance as follows That he the said N. J. Watts did use means to prevent, and did then and there prevent, one Henry Fitzgerald, sergeant of the city of Marchester, from executing a certain writ to him directed, called a writ of possession issued from the clerk's office of the Hustings Court, which writ was issued by virtue and in pursuance of a judgment obtained in said court in a certain action of detinue. Yesterday the case was tried, and the jury were unable to agree. A uror was withdrawn, and the case continued until the next term of the court. The value of the cow was determined by jury to be fifty-four dollars.

Lodged .- Thomas Gladman, a youthful colored offender against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth, was escorted to the penitentiary yesterday by Sergeant Fitzgerald, there to remain for a term of eight years for burglary.

Knights of Pythias Annual Meeting .- A fine supper was heartily enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be present at the annual meeting of Friendship Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Wednesday night. The entertainment was diversified with eloquent, humorous, and spirited remarks. Among those who so edified the audience were S. Brooks, Esq., Dr. A. Monteiro, A. Carter Atkinson, Rev. Dr. Vanderslice, F. J. Fisher, F. Weisiger, Leroy S. Edwards, and William Plummer Gretter; the two lastnamed gentlemen being from Richmond.

City Council .- A regular meeting of this body will be held to-night at 7½ o'clock at the Auditor's office.

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ja 21-td 1C. WALDROP, Secretary,

A MEETING OF THE STOCK-HOLDERS IN THE MASONIC TEM-PLE ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA will be held at St. Alban's Hall (Third and Main streets), in the city of *ichmond, on MONDAY the 22:1 of February, 1876, at 8 o'clock P. M. By order of the Board of Trustees. ja 19-3taw3w&dtd JOHN DOVE, Secretary.

UFFICE VIRGINIA STATE INSURANCE CO.; RICHMOND, January 18, 1876. } THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE A STOCKHOLDERS OF THE VIRGINIA STATE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY the 24th instantat 12 o'clock M., at the office of the company.
WILLIAM H. CHRISTIAN. ja 19-td THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

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